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SUBJECT: TWA CRASH

1. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED DIRECT REQUEST IN PERSON FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AND BOARD OF THE OKINAWA TIMES, ONE OF THE TWO PRINCIPAL VERNACULAR OKINAWAN NEWSPAPERS, THAT THE USG AND NAVY CONTINUE THEIR SEARCH FOR THE REMAINS OF THOSE KILLED IN THE TWA CRASH SEPT 8. THE 13 OKINAWAN VICTIMS INCLUDED OKINAWA TIMES PRESIDENT UECHI AND TWELVE OTHER SENIOR BUSINESSMAN PARTICIPATING IN AN OKINAWA TIMES SPONSORED EUROPEAN BUSINESS SURVEY TRIP. WE UNDERSTAND BODIES OF ONLY TWO OKINAWANS HAVE SO FAR BEEN RECOVERED, NOT INCLUDING UECHI. THE

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FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS HAVE FLOWN TO ATHENS PARTLY IN THE HOPE OF BEING ABLE TO RETRIEVE THE REMAINS.

2. THE OKINAWA TIMES HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF ALLEGEDLY "COLD" TREATMENT OF THE FAMILIES BY TWA. APPARENTLY THIS IN PART COMES FROM TIGHT COMPANY CONTROL OVER INFORMATION ON THE ACCIDENT AND IN PART FROM COMPANY HANDLING OF THE FAMILIES HERE AND IN ATHENS WHICH DID NOT ACCORD WITH JAPANESE AND OKINAWAN PRACTICE IN SUCH CASES.

3. FOR ATHENS: WE WOULD APPRECIATE A SHORT RUNDOWN OF OUR NAVY AND OTHER AMERICAN EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE BODIES WHICH WE COULD PASS

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TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE OKINAWA TIMES. ALSO REQUEST YOUR ASSESSMENT

OF THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER SEARCH EFFORTS BY US, THE GREEK  
GOVT OF TWA, AND THE REALISTIC CHANCES FOR FINDING OTHER REMAINS.

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